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SUBJECT: CONGO: TEXACO COMPENSATION CLAIMS

1. SUMMARY: TEXACO CONGOLESE ASSETS NATIONALIZED JANUARY 1974. IN SPITE REPEATED ATTEMPTS CONTACT HYDRO CONGO OFFICIALS, TEXACO HAS BEEN UNABLE RECEIVE REPLY REQUESTS FOR MEETINGS. ACTION REQUESTED: IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE, WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT REQUESTING GERMAN ASSISTANCE ESTABLISHING CONTACT CONGOLESE OFFICIALS ARRANGE MEETING AS SOON AS MUTUALLY CONVENIENT ENABLE TEXACO BEGIN COMPENSATION DISCUSSIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. RICHARD SUDER, AMCIT MANAGER TEXACO CAMEROUN, WHICH HAS REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES FROM ANGOLA TO CHAD, AND CURRENTLY HOLDING DISCUSSIONS ZAIRE AND C.A.R. ON NATIONALIZED ASSETS, HAS REQUESTED CONSULATE ASSISTANCE ARRANGE MEETING SOONEST MUTUALLY CONVENIENT BETWEEN TEXACO AND CONGOLESE REPS CONCERNING COMPENSATION TEXACO ASSETS NATIONALIZED JANUARY 1974. CLAIM SUBMITTED DUPLICATE
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DOSSIER HYDRO-CONGO 31 MARCH 1974 AND AT LEAST FIFTEEN ATTEMPTS MADE BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS. DURING PAST NINE MONTHS HYDRO

CONGO HAS NOT EVEN RESPONDED TEXACO OVERTURES. LAST TWO LETTERS DIRECTED 29 MARCH AND 19 APRIL M BONGOUANDE, DIRECTOR HYDRO CONGO. CLAIMS INVOLVE \$3,103,303 FOR PROPERTIES, STOCKS AND EQUIPMENT OWNED BY TEXACO AFRICA (A CANADIAN FIRM WHOLLY OWNED TEXACO, INC NEW YORK), \$331,842 FOR PT NOIRE DEPOT OWNED TEXACO INC AND \$214,039 FOR BRAZAVILLE DEPOT OWNED TEXACO INC.

3. ALL CONTACT HAS BEEN THROUGH HYDRO CONGO CHANNELS AND THIS FIRST ATTEMPT USE DIPLOMATIC CHANNEL. REQUEST MADE FOR GOVERN-7: MENTAL ASSISTANCE BEGAN DISCUSSIONS DUE A) LAPSED TIME SINCE NATIONALIZATION, B) SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF CLAIM, C) CONTINUED UTILIZATION BY CONGO OF COMPANY ASSETS WITHOUT COMPENSATION AND D) ABSENCE ANY POSITIVE RESPONSE REQUESTS FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

4. CONSULATE WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING IF ANY SYSTEM HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED ASSIST US COMPANIES INITIATE DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING CONGOLESE NATIONALIZED ASSETS AND IF DEPARTMENT WILLING REQUEST GERMAN GOVT FACILITATE DISCUSSIONS BY MAKING APPOINTMENT TEXACO REPS MEET HYDRO CONGO OR OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS AS SOON AS MUTUALLY CONVENIENT. SUDER OR HIS DEPUTY CASTELEYN CAN BE CONTACTED BY PHONE: 42-30-28 OR 42-31-02. TELEX TEXACO 5303 KN OR MAIL: BP 204. CONSULATE ALSO WILLING ACT AS POINT CONTACT. MITHOEFER

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